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# **AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please cancel the present Abstract and replace by the new Abstract attached to the present Response.

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 17-36 are in the case.

## I. PRIORITY

In response to the objection to the priority claim, a substitute executed declaration has been submitted on October 1, 2007 in which the present application Serial No. 10/530,716 filed April 8, 2005 is identified together with the underlying PCT International Application and the British priority Patent Application No. 0223300.5, filed October 8, 2002. Based on that submission, it is believed that the requirements of 37 CFR 1.63(c) have been satisfied. Acknowledgement of the priority claim and the certified copies in box 12 of the Official Action format is respectfully requested.

#### II. DECLARATION

As noted above, a signed substitute declaration has been submitted on October 1, 2007 which is in compliance with the requirements of setting forth the underlying PCT International Application and the British priority patent application. Entry of the substitute executed declaration is respectfully requested.

# III. SPECIFICATION

In response to the objection to the Abstract, a new Abstract is presented on a separate sheet attached to this response. The Abstract is based on claim 17. No new matter is entered. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is now respectfully requested.

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# IV. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

It is noted, with appreciation, that claims 17-36 are allowed. Minor amendments have been effected in the dependent claims to insert Markush language. Otherwise the claims are identical as allowed.

Favorable action on this application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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